(v) Kottoor road (Kattichal-Poovachal road (11½ miles to 14 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.

(vi) & (vii) Arianad-Palode road (Pacha-Vidura road and Arianad Vidura road) 1 to 14 miles at Rs. 100 per mile.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the roads that are mentioned have been maintained last year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government have got any complaint from the hon'ble member for Nedumangad that these roads were not maintained last year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Many complaints have been received from the hon'ble member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government have received such a complaint from me ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the Chief Engineer or any other responsible officer has inspected these roads as a result of those complaints ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer has inspected the roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Chief Engineer has not inspected those roads.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know who has inspected the roads as a result of the complaint lodged by the member for Nedumangad ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Division and the Sub-Division Officers have inspected the roads.

Improvement of a chira in the Nellanadu pakuthi.

30. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether sixteen cents of land in Re-survey No. 903/3 in the Nellanadu *pakuthi*, Nedumangad taluk, is a *chira poramboke* ;

(*b*) whether the above *chira* was used for paddy cultivation before ;

(*c*) whether any persons have encroached upon the *chira* and begun to cultivate it ;

(*d*) whether anybody has applied for the registry of the *chira* ;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the *chira*, if improved, would be of use for cultivating about 1,000 *paras* of paddy fields ; and

(*f*) whether the Minor Irrigation Department has taken up the work of the improvement of the above *chira* ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This can be replied only after an investigation.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes the matter has been brought to the notice of the P. W. D. by the Revenue authorities.

(*e*) No, the exact ayacut can be ascertained only after an investigation.

(*f*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there is any tank or *kulam* adjacent to this *chira*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether there is any tank adjacent to the *chira* which is useful for cultivation of paddy if it is improved.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

The Anchal Test.

31. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Anchal Department Test was introduced by the Government;

(*b*) when it was stopped;

(*c*) why it was introduced and why it was stopped;

(*d*) the total number of people who have passed that test;

(*e*) the number of such people who are now permanently employed in the department;

(*f*) whether there are any permanent hands in the department now (on 25-8-36) who have not passed the test but appointed since the test was introduced;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which they were appointed and the dates on which they were confirmed;

(*h*) whether any special sanction of the Government was obtained to appoint and confirm them;

(*i*) the number of acting hands and volunteers in the department now (on 25-8-36);

(*j*) whether there are any acting hands with Anchal Test in the department now (on 25-8-36); and

(*k*) if the answer to part (*j*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which each was first entertained in the department and the duration of service of each till 1st Chingam 1112?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Anchal Departmental Test was introduced by Government in 1097.

(*b*) 1104.

(*c*) The examination was introduced so that the candidates seeking employment in the Anchal Department may have a practical knowledge of the Travancore Anchal Regulation, Rules and Orders at the

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